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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

We claim:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for processing insurance claims in a system having a plurality of software components comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

analyzing text associated with an insurance claim by a text analyzer to extract data elements of the insurance claim related to the insurance claim's subrogation potential, the text comprising at least one of the following: sentence textual groups and non-sentence textual groups;

developing a subrogation potential score by a rules engine for each of the data elements, wherein the developing further comprises:

calculating the subrogation potential score using a set of rules created from existing historical claim data, or assigning the subrogation potential score using the set of rules; and

determining if the insurance claim has subrogation potential based on the subrogation potential scores developed for each of the data elements.